

TRUSTEES OF THE IRON WORKERS	:	
LOCAL UNION 17 PENSION	:	CASE NO. 1:18-cv-2737
FUND, <i>et al.</i> ,	:	
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Plaintiffs,	:	OPINION & ORDER
	:	[Resolving Doc. 17]
vs.	:	
	:	
21ST CENTURY CONCRETE	:	
CONSTRUCTION INC.,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

In this employee benefits case, Defendant 21st Century Concrete Construction, Inc.'s attorney seeks to withdraw.¹ He claims, *inter alia*, that Defendant has failed substantially to fulfill certain obligations and has made its representation unreasonably difficult.²

However, a corporation is not permitted to proceed *pro se* in federal court.³ Put differently, Defendant needs an attorney. Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** defense counsel's motion to withdraw until Defendant has substitute counsel.

Dated: April 19, 2019

s/ James S. Gwin
 JAMES S. GWIN
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

³ E.g., *Bass v. Leatherwood*, 788 F.3d 228, 230–31 (6th Cir. 2015) (“[U]nder longstanding tradition, a corporation can only appear by attorney.” (internal quotation marks and emphasis omitted)). See also 28 U.S.C. § 1654.